THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Details of the vacant posts in the Department of Atomic Energy are as follows:

1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
377	315	381	435

(b) In compliance with the various instructions on economy in expenditure issued by the Government of India and the Administrative policy decision taken in the department, vacancies are filled up only after critical evaluation of the work requirements and other relevant factors. Due to non-availability of SC|ST candidates some of the Administrative and auxiliary posts could not be filled up until empanelling of adequate number of SC|ST candidates by special efforts.

(c) After critical evaluation of the work requirements the required number of posts are expected to be filled up within 3 months.

(d) Departmental examinations are conducted for filling up of the vacant posts required to be filled up by promotees and by special effort, adequate number of SC|ST candidates are empanelled for filling up of the reserved posts required to be filled up by direct recruitment.

Talks between Indian Prime Minister and US Defence Secretary

1082. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of talks between US Defence Secretary Mr. Frank Carlucci and Prime Minister during the former's recent visit to Delhi;

(b) whether Government see any indication of any shift in the US policy towards India vis-a-vis Pakistan; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to the Pantagon notifying the US Congress that it is selling Pakistan 11 more F-16 Fighters for 256 million Dollars and 200 Sparrow and 360 side winder air to air missile for a total of 87 million Dollars and whether Government have taken it up with the US Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Defence Secretary Carlucci's call on the Prime Minister during his recent visit to India was part of the continuing dialogue between the two countries on regional and international issues.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government have conveyed India's concern at the continuing supply of sophisticated armaments to Pakistan beyond that country's legitimate defence requirements.

Direct talks between LTTE leaders president of sri lanka

1083. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Sri Lankan President's direct talks with LTTE leaders by passing the Government of India;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the course of action proposed to be taken or already taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government has reports of secret talks between the LTTE and some members of the Sri Lankan Government. However, the President of Sri Lanka has not himself participated in such talks; and

(b) and (c) The Government of Sri Lanka has assured Government that it is committed to the full implementation of the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement. Any arrangements reached against the spirit of the Agreement will be rejected by both Governments.

Nuclear powered submarine from Soviet Union

1084. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has leased a nuclear powered submarine from Soviet Union recently;

(b) if so, what are the terms of lease;

(c) whether Government propose to acquire more nuclear powered submarines for Navy; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose these details.

Issue of duplicate passport to Win Chadha

1085. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Consulate General in San Francisco (US) issued a duplicate passport to Win Chadha on or about June 8, 1987;

(b) what formalities are required to be fulfilled to obtain a duplicate passport and how much time does it normally take to get a duplicate passport in US;

(c) when and where did Win Chadha apply for a Duplicate passport and how did he fulfil all the formalities; and

(d) whether Government were in search of Win Chadha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On receipt of an application for a passport in lieu of a lost one, together with necessary supporing documentation like police report, the Mission seeks verification from the original Passport issuing authority. However, the Mission has the discretion to waive this requirement for travelling businessmen, etc. and to issue them a short validity passport.

Shri Chadha applied on 8th June 1987 to the Consulate General of India, San Francisco on which date the Consulate General did not have any official instructions concerning Shri Chadha.

Visit of Indian film stars to Pakistan

1086. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent visit of Indian Film Stars Dilip Kumar, Saira Banu, Manoj Kumar and others to Pakistan;

(b) what was the purpose of their visit and whether they made any representation to lift the ban on Indian Films in Pakistan;